

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

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Department of Human Services

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Senator: Watt

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Question:

a) Senator WATT: That is what I was coming to next. You will take on notice whether names were provided as well?

Ms Campbell: We will take that on notice.

b) Senator WATT: Ms Campbell, we have established that you provided the protected information about media cases in general—

Ms Campbell: About complaint cases that may have been in the media.

Senator WATT: Yes, complaint cases—they have been in the media—to the minister's office. We have not quite established whether information on these particular cases was provided to the minister's office, but you will take that on notice.

Ms Campbell: We will take it on notice.

Senator Ryan: With the provisos offered earlier.

Ms Campbell: With the provisos that we do not know who they are.

c) Senator PRATT: Did the minister's de-identify that information? You would have forwarded the name and all the information about those particular cases.

Ms Campbell: We have taken on notice what the minister's office did and we have referred that to the minister.

Answer:

a) and b) The Department provides various information which is either identified or de-identified depending on the circumstances.

c) Refer to the answer to Question on Notice 17 (a).